

EU member countries in brief

Brexit: For the time being, the United Kingdom remains a full member of the EU and rights and obligations continue to fully apply in and to the UK.

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Austria

Capital: Vienna

Official EU language(s): German

EU member country: since 1 January 1995

Currency: euro. [Euro area](#) member since 1 January 1999

Schengen: [Schengen area](#) member since 1 December 2007

Figures: [Geographical size](#) - [population](#) - [gross domestic product \(GDP\)](#) [per capita in PPS](#)



Belgium

Capital: Brussels

Official EU language(s): Dutch, French and German

EU member country: since 1 January 1958

Currency: euro. [Euro area](#) member since 1 January 1999.

Schengen: [Schengen area](#) member since 26 March 1995.

Figures: [Geographical size](#) - [population](#) - [gross domestic product \(GDP\)](#) [per capita in PPS](#)



Bulgaria

Capital: Sofia

Official EU language(s): Bulgarian

EU member country: since 1 January 2007

Currency: Bulgarian lev BGN. Bulgaria has committed to adopt the euro once it fulfils the necessary conditions.

Schengen: Bulgaria is currently in the process of joining the Schengen area.

Figures: Geographical size - population - gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in PPS



Croatia

Capital: Zagreb

Official EU language(s): Croatian

EU member country: since 1 July 2013

Currency: Croatian Kuna HRK. Croatia has committed to adopt the euro once it fulfils the necessary conditions.

Schengen: No, Croatia is not a member of the Schengen area

Figures: Geographical size - population - gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in PPS



Cyprus

Capital: Nicosia

Official EU language(s): Greek

EU member country: since 1 May 2004

Currency: euro. Euro area member since 1 January 2008

Schengen: Cyprus is currently in the process of joining the Schengen area.

Figures: Geographical size - population - gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in PPS



Czechia

Capital: Prague

Official EU language(s): Czech

EU member country: since 1 May 2004

Currency: Czech koruna (CZK). Czechia is currently preparing to adopt the euro.

Schengen: Schengen area member since 21 December 2007

Figures: Geographical size - population - gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in PPS



Denmark

Capital: Copenhagen

Official EU language(s): Danish

EU member country: since 1 January 1973

Currency: Danish krone DKK. Denmark has negotiated an opt-out from the euro and thus is not obliged to introduce it.

Schengen: Schengen area member since 25 March 2001

Figures: Geographical size - population - gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in PPS



Estonia

Capital: Tallinn

Official EU language(s): Estonian

EU member country: since 1 May 2004

Currency: euro. Euro area member since 1 January 2011

Schengen: Schengen area member since 21 December 2007

Figures: Geographical size - population - gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in PPS



Finland

Capital: Helsinki

Official EU language(s): Finnish, Swedish

EU member country: since 1 January 1995

Currency: euro. Euro area member since 1 January 1999

Schengen: Schengen area member since 25 March 2001

Figures: Geographical size - population - gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in PPS



France

Capital: Paris

Official EU language(s): French

EU member country: since 1 January 1958

Currency: euro. Euro area member since 1 January 1999

Schengen: Schengen area member since 26 March 1995

Figures: Geographical size - population - gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in PPS



Germany

Capital: Berlin

Official EU language(s): German

EU member country: since 1 January 1958

Currency: euro. Euro area member since 1 January 1999

Schengen: Schengen area member since 26 March 1995

Figures: Geographical size - population - gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in PPS



Greece

Capital: Athens

Official EU language(s): Greek

EU member country: since 1 January 1981

Currency: euro. Euro area member since 1 January 2001

Schengen: Schengen area member since 1 January 2000

Figures: Geographical size - population - gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in PPS



Hungary

Capital: Budapest

Official EU language(s): Hungarian

EU member country: since 1 May 2004

Currency: Hungarian Forint HUF. Hungary is currently preparing to adopt the euro.

Schengen: Schengen area member since 21 December 2007

Figures: Geographical size - population - gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in PPS



Ireland

Capital: Dublin

Official EU language(s): Irish, English

EU member country: since 1 January 1973

Currency: euro. Euro area member since 1 January 1999

Schengen: Ireland has negotiated an opt-out from Schengen area.

Figures: Geographical size - population - gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in PPS



Italy

Capital: Rome

Official EU language(s): Italian

EU member country: since 1 January 1958

Currency: euro. Euro area member since 1 January 1999

Schengen: Schengen area member since 26 October 1997

Figures: Geographical size - population - gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in PPS



Latvia

Capital: Riga

Official EU language(s): Latvian

EU member country: since 1 May 2004

Currency: euro. Euro area member since 1 January 2014

Schengen: Schengen area member since 21 December 2007

Figures: Geographical size - population - gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in PPS



Lithuania

Capital: Vilnius

Official EU language(s): Lithuanian

EU member country: since 1 May 2004

Currency: euro. Euro area member since 1 January 2015

Schengen: Schengen area member since 21 December 2007

Figures: Geographical size - population - gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in PPS



Luxembourg

Capital: Luxembourg

Official EU language(s): French, German

EU member country: since 1 January 1958

Currency: euro. Euro area member since 1 January 1999

Schengen: Schengen area member since 26 March 1995

Figures: Geographical size - population - gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in PPS



Malta

Capital: Valletta

Official EU language(s): Maltese, English

EU member country: since 1 May 2004

Currency: euro. Euro area member since 1 January 2008

Schengen: Schengen area member since 21 December 2007

Figures: Geographical size - population - gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in PPS



Netherlands

Capital: Amsterdam

Official EU language(s): Dutch

EU member country: since 1 January 1958

Currency: euro. Euro area member since 1 January 1999

Schengen: Schengen area member since 26 March 1995

Figures: Geographical size - population - gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in PPS



Poland

Capital: Warsaw

Official EU language(s): Polish

EU member country: since 1 May 2004

Currency: Polish Złoty PLN. Poland is currently preparing to adopt the euro.

Schengen: Schengen area member since 21 December 2007

Figures: Geographical size - population - gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in PPS



Portugal

Capital: Lisbon

Official EU language(s): Portuguese

EU member country: since 1 January 1986

Currency: euro. Euro area member since 1 January 1999

Schengen: Schengen area member since 26 March 1995

Figures: Geographical size - population - gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in PPS



Romania

Capital: Bucharest

Official EU language(s): Romanian

EU member country: since 1 January 2007

Currency: Romanian Leu RON. Romania has committed the euro once it fulfils the necessary conditions.

Schengen: Romania is currently in the process of joining the Schengen area.

Figures: Geographical size - population - gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in PPS

Presidency of the Council of the EU: Romania holds the revolving presidency from 1 January to 30 June 2019.



Slovakia

Capital: Bratislava

Official EU language(s): Slovak

EU member country: since 1 May 2004

Currency: euro. Euro area member since 1 January 2009

Schengen: Schengen area member since 21 December 2007

Figures: Geographical size - population - gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in PPS



Slovenia

Capital: Ljubljana

Official EU language(s): Slovenian

EU member country: since 1 May 2004

Currency: euro. Euro area member since 1 January 2007

Schengen: Schengen area member since 21 December 2007

Figures: Geographical size - population - gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in PPS



Spain

Capital: Madrid

Official EU language(s): Spanish

EU member country: since 1 January 1986

Currency: euro. Euro area member since 1 January 1999

Schengen: Schengen area member since 26 March 1995

Figures: Geographical size - population - gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in PPS



Sweden

Capital: Stockholm

Official EU language(s): Swedish

EU member country: since 1 January 1995

Currency: Swedish krona SEK. Sweden has committed the euro once it fulfils the necessary conditions.

Schengen: Schengen area member since 25 March 2001

Figures: Geographical size - population - gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in PPS



United Kingdom

Capital: London

Official EU language(s): English

EU member country: since 1 January 1973

Currency: pound sterling (GBP). The UK has negotiated an opt-out from the euro and thus is not obliged to introduce it.

Schengen: the UK has negotiated an opt-out from Schengen area.

Figures: Geographical size - population - gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in PPS

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